

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>In re</i> Application of:	Paul J. Steffan	:	Confirmation No.:	2278
Serial No.:	10/770,711	:	Art Unit:	2825
Filed:	2/2/2004	:	Examiner:	Magid Y. Dimyan
For:	PREDICTING DEFECT FUTURE EFFECTS IN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT TO FACILITATE SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER LOT DISPOSITION			

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir/Madam:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 in response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 31, 2006, following the amendment format set forth under 37 CFR §1.121. After this introductory section, there are Amendments to the Claims, and then Remarks, each starting on a separate page.

Amendments to the Claims consist of amendments for claims 1, 6, 11, and 16, which are incorporated in a complete listing of the claims.

Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.